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**Re: Support HB 5697 and SB 1122**

The Michigan Physical Therapy Association (MPTA) writes in support of HB 5697 and SB 1122. We are pleased that Michigan may be joining a nationwide effort to protect youth athletes from the potentially devastating complications of concussions.

Michigan will be making a worthy investment in the health of our youth athletes by ensuring that individuals involved in youth athletic programs are provided education about concussion prevention and management, and by ensuring appropriate return-to-play decisions.

As members of the interdisciplinary team of licensed health care professionals who evaluate, treat, and/or manage individuals with head injuries, the MPTA and the physical therapists we represent are pleased to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

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